

Application No. 10/780,996
Amendment dated November 3, 2006
Reply to Office action dated June 5, 2006

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REMARKS

Claims 74-78 have been canceled in order to advance prosecution. The rejections of Examiner are now moot. Currently, in the Office Action dated June 6th, 2006, the Examiner has allowed all remaining claims, which includes Claims 1-15, 17-22, 24-60, 63, and 71. Claims 16, 23, 61-62, 64-70, and 72-81 have been canceled.

Applicants also include with this Amendment a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement disclosing two office actions of related cases for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the careful examination of this application and look forward to receiving the Notice of Allowance.

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